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REF B: NPIC CITE 7783, DTG 160222Z, JULY 1966

CONTINUING SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REVEALS THAT THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A) UNNUMBERED ROAD BY-PASSING A PORTION OF NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15 NEAR XOM CA TRANG, IS NEARING COMPLETION. THE ROAD EXTENDS FROM ROUTE 15 AT 1756N 10548E (UTM WE860832), PARALLELS THE EAST BANK OF THE RAO CAI, CROSSES THE RIVER AT UTM WE 849844, THEN PARALLELS THE WEST BANK OF THE RAO CAI TO A JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 15 AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE858855). THE ROAD APPEARS COMPLETE BUT UNUSED SINCE THE BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI AT UTM WE849844 IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. SOME LOG STRINGERS HAVE BEEN PLACED BETWEEN THE PIERS, AND A SMALL PORTION OF WOOD PLANK DECKING IS OBSERVED. ADDITIONAL LOGS ARE OBSERVED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER. A ROAD CLEARING OPERATION IS OBSERVED EXTENDING NORTH FROM THE EAST BRIDGE APPROACH FOR A DISTANCE OF 500 YARDS TO UTM WE851848. THIS BY-PASS ROAD AND BRIDGE WHEN COMPLETED, WILL PROVIDE ROUTE 15 TRAFFIC, A SECOND RAO CAI RIVER CROSSING IN ADDITION TO THE RECENTLY RECONSTRUCTED (REF B) XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI.

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